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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION - PERUVIAN POSITION

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR HAS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT PERU WILL VOTE WITH THE MAJORITY ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. HIS LATEST HEAD COUNT FROM PEREZ DE CUELLAR (RECEIVED FRIDAY PM FROM NEW YORK) SHOWED 35 CO-SPONSORS OF NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AMONT NONALIGNED AND ONLY 29 CO-SPONSORS OF SOUTH KOREAN WHICH INCLUDED SOME LATIN AMERICANS BUT NO NONALIGNED. COUNT CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT FROM INFO IN DEPTEL 218046.

2. DE LA FLOR SEES "VICTORY" FOR SOUTH KOREA IF VOTED FIRST BUT VICTORY TO NORTH KOREA IF, AS SEEMS LIKELY, THEIR RESOLTUION VOTED FIRST. HE WAS NOT CATEGORIC, BUT IT OBVIOUS THAT PERU WILL BE AMONG THOSE VOTING FOR NORTH KOREA AND AT LEAST ABSTAINING ON SOUTH KOREAN RESOLUTION IF LATTER EVER GET TO A VOTE.

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